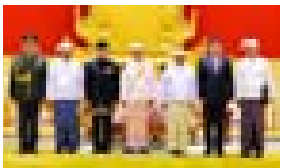


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Five chapters of draft ceasefire deal finalized on third day

NAY PYI TAW, 7 April — Out of seven chapters of the draft ceasefire agreement, five have been discussed on Monday during the ongoing peace talks between the government and the ethnic armed groups.

“Some points of the draft need to be discussed again. We are optimistic about the talks as we see more friendly and openly discussion between the two sides,” said U Hla Maung Shwe of the Myanmar Peace Centre. During the third-day of the talks, Union Peace-making Work Committee (UPMWC) and National Ceasefire Coordination Team-NCCT representing ethnic armed groups have discussed the details of a nationwide ceasefire deal to work up into a single text document.

“We could finalize some chapters of the draft today because we have built understanding and trust between us. We will have to



Pado Saw Kwe Htoo Win and U Hla Maung Shwe meet press at peace talks.—MNA

discuss some points of the draft again,” said Pado Saw Kwe Htoo Win, the deputy leader of the NCCT.

The talks will continue on Tuesday to discuss the remaining chapters of the draft.—MNA

MoI, BBC to closely work for broadcast media reforms

YANGON, 7 April —Myanmar Information Ministry has invited BBC to continue to closely work together for achieving success in media reforms in Myanmar.

Union Information Minister U Aung Kyi has expressed his willingness for closely working with the BBC for overcoming unforeseen challenges of broadcast media reforms in Myanmar.

Myanmar’s Information Ministry is carrying out media reforms which include transformation of state-owned broadcasting into public service broadcasting (PSB) modeling on BBC.

Union Minister U Aung Kyi also expressed thanks to BBC for its assistance and cooperation in the transformation of the broadcasting media.

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Media registration for 24th ASEAN Summit

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—The 24th ASEAN Summit will be held at the Myanmar International Convention Centre in Nay Pyi Taw on 10 and 11 May.

The local and foreign correspondents who wish to cover the news of ASEAN Summit are to click the registration link for the 24th ASEAN Summit of Upcoming Events at the Home Page of www.asean2014.gov.mm to fill up the Media Registration Form. The registration must be taken not later than 30 April. The media accreditation cards will be issued at MICC on 9 May.

The foreign correspondents are to apply visa at respective Myanmar embassies to cover the news of Summit. Please dial 067-412064 of ASEAN Affairs Department for further information about the summit and 067-412126 of News and Periodicals Enterprise about news coverage of local-based foreign news agencies and local media.

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Dailies to appear in turn during New Year Holidays

NAY PYI TAW, 7 April—The three dailies of the News and Periodicals Enterprise under the Ministry of Information will be published in turn during the Myanmar New Year Holidays.

Myanma Alinn Daily will be in circulation on 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 April. During these days Kyemon Daily will not appear and it will be in circulation on 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 April. On these days, Myanma Alinn Daily will not appear.

The New Light of Myanmar Daily will not appear on 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 April.

Advertisements for dailies will be accepted during the holidays. All the papers will resume a regular circulation on 22 April.

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Union Information Minister U Aung Kyi attends ceremony to clarify programmes of British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC).—MNA



Union Parliament Speaker leaves for PRC

YANGON, 7 April—At the invitation of Mr. Zhang Dejiang, Chairman of the Standing Committee of China's National People's Congress (NPC) of the People's Republic of China and Speaker of the State Great Hural of Mongolia, Mr. Enkhbold Zandaakhuu, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (Un-

ion Parliament) and Pyithu Hluttaw (People's Parliament) Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann left for the People's Republic of China on Monday.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and officials saw off the Speaker and party at the Yangon International Airport.

The Speaker was accompanied by parliamentary affairs committees' chairpersons, secretaries, members and officials from the People's Parliament Office.—MNA

Speaker of Union Parliament
Thura U Shwe Mann
being seen off at Yangon International Airport by officials.—MNA

Census taking activities inspected in Shan State (North)

NAY PYI TAW, 7 April—Chairman of Central Census Commission Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi viewed round census taking activities in No (12) Ward and Hopeik Village in Lashio, Shan State (North) on 4 April morning.

The Union minister explained about the census and benefits of taking census to the locals. He then met with members of ward census committee and census enumerators in Kholon Ward in Kunlong and expressed words of praise to them for activity participating in nation-wide census taking process of the country, first in three decades.

NAY PYI TAW, 7 April—Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Robert Chua and Director-General Dr Zaw Win of the Technical and Vocational Education Department under the Ministry of Science and Technology signed an MoU on Singapore-Myanmar Technical Cooperation Programme (SMTCP) on Monday.

Union Minister Dr Ko

In the evening, the Union minister met Chairman of Leading Committee of Kokang Self-Administered Zone U Pe Sauk Chain and party and members of township census committee in Laukkai.

He looked into collection of data by census takers and members of township development supportive committee in No (1) Ward in Chinshwehaw on 5 April and posed for a documentary photo with them.

The Union minister held a meeting with staff from district Immigration and National Registration Department at the guest hall in Laukkai on 4 April evening.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 April — Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin attended the 2nd Summit of Mekong River Commission in Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam on 4-5 April 2014 and arrived back in Yangon by air on 6 April, 2014.

The Union Minister delivered a speech at the Summit and discussed ways and means to address the issue of cooperation between Mekong River Commission member countries; to follow up progress in the implementation of the 2010 Hua Hin Declaration and discuss the strategic directions for the MRC in the period of 2016-2020.

During the visit, the Union Minister held talks with Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of



Vietnam, on friendly ties and mutual cooperation between the two countries.

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Union FM attends 2nd Summit of Mekong River Commission

Union Minister for Foreign Affairs
U Wunna Maung Lwin holds talks with Prime
Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam
Mr Nguyen Tan Dung.—MNA

Singapore-Myanmar Technical Cooperation Programme signed

Ko Oo said that the MoU will contribute to economic and human resources development and capacity building for the staff in public administration.

The MoU is aimed at turning out the skilled workers in Myanmar

through the programme for successfully hosting the ASEAN Economic Community in Myanmar in December 2014, he added.

The industrial and vocational training course covers electrical skills and electronics, facilities man-

agement, engineering services and hospitality and tourism.

Deputy Science and Technology Ministers Dr Ba Shwe and Dr Aung Kyaw Myat, and officials also attended the ceremony.—MNA



Singaporean Ambassador
Mr. Robert Chua and
Director-General Dr Zaw
Win sign
MoU on
Singapore-Myanmar
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Public Information

NAY PYI TAW, 7 April — The census enumerators have collected data from 8,068,089 households, which is 78 per cent of the total population of the country from 30 March to 4 April.

Data from 70.3 % of the population in Kachin State, 70.7 % in Kayah State, 72.6 % in Kayin State, 69.5 % in Chin State, 80 % in Sagaing Region, 80.4 % in Taninthayi Region, 80 % in Bago Region, 76.2 % in Magway Region, 82.4 % in Mandalay Region, 77.8 % in Mon State, 63.4 % in Rakhine State, 84.1 % in Yangon Region, 81.4 % in Shan State (South), 79.8 % in Shan State (East),

73.6 % in Shan State (North), 73 % in Ayeyawady Region and 80 % in Nay Pyi Taw have been gathered so far.

Remaining households to be questioned are to inform the nearest census committee office (or) the census supervisory office.

The nation-wide census taking process has been under way as of 30 March and it will accomplish on 10 April.

Census enumerators gather data by raising 41 questions to households and 11 questions to those who live in societies and homeless people.

Central Census Commission

Correction

Please read 1 billion Yen instead of JPY 1 million contribution in last line of second paragraph in third column of the news under heading "Japan contributes JPY 1.6 billion to UN agencies in Myanmar" on page 2 in this daily issued on 3-4-2014. Error is regretted.

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President U Thein Sein accepts Credentials of Brazilian, Indonesian Ambassadors

NAY PYI TAW, 7 April—Mr. Alcides Gastao Rostand Prates, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the Federative Republic

President U Thein Sein accepts credentials of Mr. Alcides Gastao Rostand Prates, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the Federative Republic of Brazil to Myanmar.

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of Brazil to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Dr. Ito Sumardi, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar presented their Credentials to U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at Presidential Palace, Nay Pyi Taw on Monday separately.

Present on the occasions were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union

Minister at President Office U Soe Maung and Director-General U Thurain Thant Zin of the Protocol Department.—MNA

President U Thein Sein poses for documentary photo with Dr. Ito Sumardi, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to Myanmar.—MNA

Vice-President U Nyan Tun arrives in Beijing

NAY PYI TAW, 7 April—At the invitation of the Chinese government, Vice-President U Nyan Tun left Yangon by air on Sunday evening and arrived at the Beijing Capital International Airport of the People's Republic of China on Monday morning to attend the event launching ceremony of the ASEAN-China Cultural Exchange Year to be held in Beijing.

The Vice-President and party were welcomed at the airport by Mr. Hong Liang,

Deputy Director-General of Asian Affairs Department of the Foreign Ministry of China, U Soe Han, Charge d' affaires of Myanmar Embassy to China and staff of the embassy.

The Vice-President and party proceeded to Diaoyutai State Guesthouse in Beijing.

The Vice-President was accompanied by Deputy Ministers U Thant Kyaw, U Maw Thar Htwe, Dr Than Aung and Daw Sanda Khin and officials.—MNA



Vice-President U Nyan Tun meets staff of Myanmar Embassy at Beijing in China.—MNA



Myanmar Overseas Seafarers Federation presents prize to outstanding members, offspring



YANGON, 7 April—Prize presentation for outstanding offspring of seafarers and 12th Anniversary of Myanmar Overseas Seafarers Federation was held at Lion City Hall of Bayintnaung Road in Kamayut Township in Yangon on

Saturday.

Chairman of the Federation Dr Tin Hlaing made an opening speech.

Managing Director of Myanma Industrial Institute Captain Ko Ko Htoo and wife Daw Sanda Aung presented over K 7 million

to General Secretary Captain Htut Htut. Vice-Chairman Captain San Thein gave a certificate of honour to Thudamma Manijotadhara Dr. Ye Aung.

General Secretary Captain Htut Htut offered K 1 million to Rector Dr

New traffic light installed in Bago

BAGO, 7 April—The Pyinsi traffic light was launched at the corner of Yangon-Mandalay Highway and Thameinbayan Road in 7th Ward of Ottha Myothit in Bago on Monday.

The 17th Pyinsi traffic light was put into service under the arrangement of Bago Region All Bus Line Supervisory Committee. It cost K 7,949,000. A total of 17 traffic lights set in Bago amounted to K

121,137,900, said the Deputy Commander of No.3 Traffic Police Squad.

Bago Region Government Security and Border Affairs Minister Col Thet Tun switched on the traffic light.—*Thant Sin (Bago)*



Newly-installed traffic lights in working at junction of Yangon-Mandalay Highway and Thameinbayan Road in Bago.

MANDALAY, 7 April—A respect-paying ceremony to former Mandalay Region selected footballers above 65 years of the Upper Myanmar selected ex-footballers association was held at Bahtoo Stadium in Mandalay on 6 April, with an address by patron of the association U Sein Win (Principal of Magway College – Retd).

Chairman of the association U Zaw Win explained social activities and basic summer soccer course being contributed by the association and cooperation among

the members.

Then, the new generation players paid respects to 36 former Mandalay Region selected footballers and provided K 50,000, tracksuits, medicines and bags to them. The chairman of the association presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers who donated cash, sports suits and gifts for the ceremony and the attendees were served with cake and ice-cream.

After that, Mandalay Region selected ex-players played a friendly football match.—*Tin Maung (Mandalay Sub-printing House)*



Footballers of Mandalay Region pay respects to senior footballers of above 65 years in Mandalay.

Literacy campaign launched in Labutta

Myat Lwin for the construction of Dhammayon at Myanmar Maritime University.

Executives awarded 50 outstanding students.

Myanmar Overseas Seafarers Federation was established with over 6000 members in 2013. The Federation is providing assistance for the injured and dead seafarers.—*Tin Win Lay (Kyimyindine)*

LABUTTA, 7 April—A literacy campaign launching ceremony took place at a Basic Education High School in Labutta Township of Ayeyawady Region on Sunday.

During the ceremony, after the Township Education Officer had elaborated on the current activities of the campaign in the township and teaching the people in groups, offi-

cial of Ayeyawady Region Government donated 529 dozens of exercise books to the people of teaching groups.

Later, the township administrator transferred a commemorative pennant of literacy campaign to the lecturer of Patheingyi University and the associate professor of Yangon Western University.

Win Kyaw Myint



LAMP-POSTS SUBSTITUTED:
Electricians led by Engineer U Thet Swe Win of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise replaced old lamp-posts with concrete ones and installed new power lines for safety of electricity for the people on Aungthukha Street in Zaypaing Ward of Kyaukdaga Township in Bago Region on Monday.—KHIN KO (KYAUKDAGA)



Respects paid to former Mandalay Region selected footballers

LOCAL NEWS

Ministry of Construction upgrading Meiktila-Kengtung-Taunggyi highway

YANGON, 7 April—Ministry of Construction is upgrading Meiktila-Kengtung-Taunggyi highway as well as temporary bridges as reinforced concrete type.

In the past, temporary bailey and wooden bridges could withstand only 20 tons

Photo shows newly-built concrete bridge on Meiktila-Kengtung-Taunggyi Highway.

of load. So transportation and flow of commodity had difficulties. In order to overcome these difficulties, the ministry has upgraded 220 ft long Tarkaw 2-mile bridge, 160 ft long Tarkaw 17-mile bridge, 130 ft long Mongping bridge and 160 ft long Tongtah bridge as two-way RC type ones. According to the ministry, Hwayhin bridge, Sinmaung bridge and Pankhin bridge will put into service soon.

Soe Win (SP)



Karli Sub-Township gets drug addict treatment centre



Health staff give medical treatment to local people in Karli Sub-Township of Kunhing Township.

KUNHING, 7 April—A ceremony to open the drug addict treatment centre was held in Seikkhaung Village of Karli Sub-Township in Kunhing Township, Loilem District of Shan State (South) on 5 April morning.

Over 200 students of Kalay University join literacy campaign



HAKA, 7 April—The literacy campaign was launched at the city hall in Haka of Chin State on Sunday morning.

Chief Minister U Hong Ngai of Chin State made a speech, and Lecturer Dr Tin Maung Htwe of History Department, on behalf of the Rector of Kalay University, explained activity of literacy

campaign. On behalf of the students who participated in Kalay University, second year student Maung Sha Dredmond Thawna accepted the assignment.

Altogether 200 students of Kalay University under supervision of 20 faculty members will join the literacy campaign.

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for Social Affairs Dr Myo Tun delivered an address.

U Kaung Taing (local militia troop) explained the purpose of opening the drug addict treatment centre. Head of Shan State Health Department Dr Than Htut Oo and Patron of the local militia troop U Lawng Kwan made speeches.

The state minister presented bags of rice for drug addicts who will receive medical treatment through officials.

The state minister then inspected the medical ward and staff quarters.

In Hopan Village, the state minister viewed round census taking process and free health care services and attended to the needs.

Moe Lwin Oo (Loilem)

Union Parliament funds K 100 million for development of Kalay Tsp



KALAY, 7 April—Kalay Township of Sagaing Region spent K 100 million allotted by Union Parliament on its development of education, health, transport and availability of potable

water.

People's Parliament MP U Tin Hlaing, Region Parliament U Khin Maung Thein and officials made a field trip of development tasks in villages in the

northwest of Kalay Township on 5 April.

“Our school needed desks for students for a long time. The parliament allotted K 600,000 for making desks. In the past, 6th grade students sat on the ground in learning education.

Thanks to the allotted fund, the students enjoy good standard in their learning,” said the headmistress of PyintawU Village.

The parliament spent K 1.940750 million for construction of roads and bridges, K 13.80 million for water supply, K 43.4365 million for education, K 6.5 million for health and K 13.856 million for other sectors.

Lin Let Kyei Sin

Conservation of fish and prawn performed in Myeik

MYEIK, 7 April—Officials of Myeik Township Fisheries Department of Taninthayi Region systematically check trawlers before their departure to the sea not to catch small fish with the use of nets, according to Head of Township Fisheries Department U Tun Naung Oo.

“Fish are renewable natural resources. If fish is caught without limit, it will cause fish depletion. The government emphasizes sustainable fisheries development so local fishery entrepreneurs are to abide by code of conduct for responsible fisheries,” said U Tun Naung Oo.

As part of efforts for conservation of fish and



prawn resources, the Fisheries Department demarcates fishing plots with disciplines, allows fishing

equipment, issues fishing licences, designates closed areas and closed season in Myanmar's sea, gives talks

to fishermen about conservation of mangrove forests and penalty for offending.

Moe Hein (Myeik)

India to kick off world's biggest election in remote northeast

LAHOAL, (India), 7 April — Indians start voting in the world's biggest ever election on Monday, with a Hindu nationalist opposition party that has promised economic rejuvenation and jobs tipped to emerge as the clear leader but likely to fall short of an absolute majority.

The elections to choose members to the 543-seat Lok Sabha, or House of the People, will be spread over five weeks, kicking off in two small northeastern states, then spreading to the northern Himalayan plateaus, western deserts and tropical south before ending in the densely-populated northern plains. Results are due on 16 May.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), led by Hindu nationalist Narendra Modi, and its allies are forecast to win the biggest chunk of seats but fall shy of a majority, according to a



Polling officers check an Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) after collecting it from a distribution centre ahead of general elections in Jorhat district, in the northeastern Indian state of Assam on 6 April, 2014.—REUTERS

poll released this week by respected Indian pollsters CSDS. In such a situation, a coalition government led by the BJP is seen as the most likely outcome.

India's 815 million voters are set to inflict a resounding defeat on the ruling Congress party, led by the Nehru-Gandhi dynasty, surveys show, after the longest

economic slowdown since the 1980s put the brakes on development and job creation in a country where half of the population is under 25 years old.—Reuters

Australia says new 'pings' best lead yet in Malaysia jet search

SYDNEY, 7 April — An Australian ship searching for a missing Malaysia Airlines jetliner has picked up signals consistent with the beacons from aircraft black box recorders, in what search officials said on Monday was the most promising lead yet in the month-long hunt.

The US Navy "towed pinger locator" connected to the Australian ship Ocean Shield picked up the signals in an area some 1,680 km (1,040 miles) northwest of Perth, which analysis of sporadic satellite data has determined as the most likely place Boeing 777 went down.

"I'm much more optimistic than I was a week ago," Angus Houston, head of the Australian agency

coordinating the search, told a news conference in Perth, while cautioning that wreckage still needed to be found.

"We are now in a very well defined search area, which hopefully will eventually yield the information that we need to say that MH370 might have entered the water just here."

If the signals can be narrowed further, an autonomous underwater vehicle called a Bluefin 21, will be sent to attempt to locate wreckage on the sea floor to verify the signals, said Houston, who noted that the potential search area was 4.5 kms (2.8 miles) deep, the same as the Bluefin range.

Reuters



Crew aboard the Australian Navy ship HMAS Success look over to the Royal Malaysian Navy ship KD LEKIU during a Replenishment at Sea evolution in the southern Indian Ocean during the continuing search for the missing Malaysian Airlines flight MH370 in this picture released by the Australian Defence Force on 7 April, 2014.—REUTERS

Japan, Australia set to reach FTA accord during summit



Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott (front R) attends a welcoming ceremony escorted by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at the Akasaka state guest-house in Tokyo on 7 April, 2014. —KYODO NEWS

TOKYO, 7 April — Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott are set to agree on a bilateral free trade deal after seven years of negotiations during their summit later Monday, Japanese government sources said.

Abbott, who is visiting Tokyo on the first stop of a northeast Asia trip, has placed an FTA deal with Japan as one of his top priorities.

Tokyo has basically agreed to lower its tariffs on beef from the current 38.5 percent to the 20

percent range, while Australia will abolish its tariffs on Japanese automobiles, the sources said.

Australia will become the first major farm-exporting nation to conclude a free trade agreement with Japan, which has been reluctant to open up its agricultural market so far.

The two countries aim to sign an FTA accord this summer, paving the way for its entry into force by the end of 2015.

A deal between Japan and Australia could help break the stalemate in talks for a broader Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade deal that involves the two countries, the United States and nine other members.

Talks between Tokyo and Canberra had been stalled due to differences over Tokyo's tariffs on beef imports, but momentum for

striking a deal picked up since Abbott took office in September 2013.

In the run-up to the summit, Japanese farm minister Yoshimasa Hayashi and Australian trade minister Andrew Robb held a five-hour meeting on Saturday and discussed how substantially Tokyo can cut its tariffs on beef.

Kyodo News

Talks over political dispute still underway secretly

PHNOM PENH, 7 April — Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen said Monday that negotiations between his ruling party and the opposition party over political dispute have been conducted secretly.

"The opposition has announced to suspend talks with the Cambodian People's Party (CPP), but

in fact, the talks are still underway secretly," he said during a graduation ceremony of students at the Vanda Faculty of Accounting. "Now, the two sides have agreed on all points, except one, in the draft agreement."

The premier said politics is hard to predict. The two parties could settle the

eight-month political row before the Khmer New Year, which arrives next Monday.

"If all the points in the draft agreement have agreed, the two sides will invite King Norodom Sihamoni to witness the signing ceremony," he said.

Xinhua

Iran hopes draft of accord follows nuclear talks

DUBAI, 7 April — Iran hopes sufficient progress will be made at talks with major powers this week to enable negotiators to start drafting an accord settling a dispute about Tehran's nuclear programme, Iranian media quoted a top Iranian negotiator as saying.

The Islamic Republic and six world powers will hold a fresh round of talks in Vienna on Tuesday and Wednesday intended to reach a comprehensive agreement by 20 July on how to resolve a decade-old

dispute that has stirred fears of a Middle East war.

Iran says its enrichment program is a peaceful bid to generate electricity and has ruled out shutting any of its nuclear facilities. It denies having any nuclear bomb designs.

Deputy foreign minister Abbas Araqchi, a top negotiator, was quoted as saying by Press TV on Sunday: "We hope that in the upcoming talks, we would be able to bring the views closer and narrow the differences regarding major issues, so we

could get to the details ... and start writing the text."

The aim of the talks is to hammer out a long-term deal to define the permissible scope of Iran's nuclear programme in return for a lifting of sanctions that are damaging its oil-dependent economy. In November, Iran and the six nations agreed an interim accord to curb Tehran's atomic activities in exchange for some easing of sanctions. The six-month deal, which took effect on 20 January, was designed to buy time



Reuters and other foreign media are subject to Iranian restrictions on their ability to film or take pictures in Teheran. Russian (L and R) and Iranian operators monitor the nuclear power plant unit in Bushehr, about 1,215 km (755 miles) south of Teheran, on 30 November, 2009.—REUTERS

for talks on a long-term deal. Iran has said it had useful expert-level nuclear talks with world powers in Vienna last week, addressing all major technical issues in the way of a final settlement.

Iranian negotiator Hamid Baeedinejad told the official IRNA news agency on Saturday that the results of those technical discussions would be submitted on Monday to Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif and European Union foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton.—Reuters

US defence chief, in first, to visit China's aircraft carrier

TOKYO, 7 April—US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel will visit China's sole aircraft carrier when he arrives in the country on Monday, a US official said, in an unprecedented opening by Beijing to a potent symbol of its military buildup.

The official believed Hagel would be the first official visitor from outside China to be allowed on board the *Liaoning*, although that could not be immediately confirmed.

China's Defence Ministry did not immediately respond to a request for comment although Chinese state television noted Hagel would visit the ship. Chinese security experts said Beijing could be trying to

quell US criticism that it was not transparent about its military modernization.

Hagel's planned carrier visit, which will come at the start of his three-day trip to China, was quietly approved by Beijing at Washington's request, the US official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The 60,000-tonne *Liaoning*, a Soviet-era vessel bought from Ukraine in 1998 and re-fitted in a Chinese shipyard, is seen as a symbol of Beijing's growing naval power and ambition for greater global influence.

The carrier has yet to become fully operational, however, and military experts say it could be decades before China catches

up to the far superior and larger US carriers — if ever. Hagel will fly to China's port city of Qingdao after a trip to Japan, and then head to a Chinese naval base. While there, he will visit the *Liaoning*, the US official said.

Reporters travelling with Hagel were not expected to accompany him on the vessel, in what would also be a rare visit to a sensitive Chinese military site.

"It's a sign of openness, of sincerity, that China has nothing to hide and wants to improve military relations with the United States," said Ni Lexiong, a naval expert at the Shanghai University of Political Science and Law.—Reuters



US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel walks off an aircraft upon his arrival at Yokota Air Force Base in Fussa on 5 April, 2014.—REUTERS

Costa Rica leftist easily wins presidential run-off

SAN JOSE, (Costa Rica), 7 April—A center-left academic who has never held elected office easily won Costa Rica's presidential election on Sunday, ousting the graft-stained ruling party from power after its candidate quit campaigning a month ago.

Former diplomat Luis Guillermo Solis, of the Citizen Action Party (PAC), won with around 78 percent of votes by tapping in to public anger at rising inequality and government corruption scandals.

His win dislodges a two-party dynasty that has governed the coffee-producing country for decades.

It is also another victory for Latin America's centre-left parties, which have steadily gained ground across the region in recent years.

"More than 1 million Costa Ricans have said yes to change," Solis told thousands of cheering supporters waving red-and-yellow party flags on Sunday night. "We need to shift away from ... a violence expressed in poverty, in inequality and in the utterly perverse form of corruption."

Solis was a relative unknown just a few months ago but he defied pollsters' predictions by coming in ahead of his rivals in a first round of voting in

February, and then took a huge lead in opinion polls ahead of the run-off.

In a bizarre twist, his rival Johnny Araya of the ruling National Liberation Party (PLN) announced last month he was halting his campaign as polls showed him with little or no chance of catching Solis. Araya remained on the ballot as required by the constitution and his party continued to campaign, but a heavy defeat looked inevitable.

Solis had 77.88 percent of the vote with returns in from 94 percent of polling booths, Costa Rica's election tribunal said. Araya had just 22.12

percent of the vote, and quickly conceded defeat.

A published author well versed in international relations and global trade, Solis ran on a promise to fight Costa Rica's stubborn poverty rate and to stamp out corruption, an issue that has dogged incumbent President Laura Chinchilla's administration and which struck a chord with voters. "It's been four years of daily suffering," said Mercedes Castillo, a 66-year-old housewife and mother-of-three, after voting for Solis at a high school in the capital, San Jose. "There's just too much corruption."—Reuters

S Korea nuclear envoy may meet with Japan counterpart in Washington

WASHINGTON, 7 April—A senior South Korean official said Sunday he may meet with his Japanese counterpart on the sidelines of a three-way gathering also involving the United States to be held in Washington on Monday over North Korea's nuclear and missile programmes. Hwang Joon Kook, South Korea's newly appointed special representative for Korean Peninsula peace and security affairs, made the remarks to reporters at an airport near the US capital.

The bilateral talks with Junichi Ihara, head of the Japanese Foreign Ministry's Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau, if held, would reflect Seoul's desire to strengthen security cooperation with Tokyo despite disagreements over perceptions of history and territory.

The trilateral meeting, to be hosted by Glyn Davies, US special representative for North Korea policy, will be the first of its kind in five months. It will also be the first for Hwang, who took the nuclear envoy post earlier this month.—Kyodo News

Hungary's Fidesz party projected to win parliamentary elections

BUDAPEST, 7 April—With 80.96 percent of the votes counted in Sunday's parliamentary elections, the incumbent conservative Fidesz party and its small ally, the Christian Democratic People's Party, seemed destined to repeat its two-thirds majority win.

As of 11 pm (2200 GMT), Fidesz and its ally look to have garnered 133 seats in parliament while the left-wing coalition will have 37 and the far right Jobbik party will get 25, and the green LMP party, which just squeaked over the 5 percent threshold, looks to get 5 seats.

There are 199 seats in the current parliament, down from 386 after Fidesz revamped the election law relying on the two-thirds majority it won in 2010.

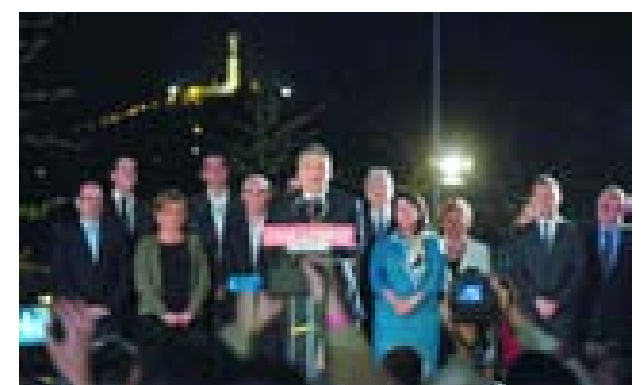
Of the 199 seats, 106 are in individual constitu-

encies, meaning that voters may choose among specific candidates for these seats, each of which represents a concrete geographic area. The candidate with the most votes wins the seat.

The other 93 seats are divided according to the proportion of votes received by the various polit-

ical parties, assuming the party managed to glean at least 5 percent of the vote, the minimum for entering parliament. The governing alliance looks likely to win nine of the 18 Budapest districts and every single district save two in the rest of the country.

Xinhua



Hungary's Prime Minister Viktor Orban speaks to supporters after his Fidesz party and its small ally, the Christian Democratic People's Party, won the parliamentary election in Budapest on 6 April, 2014.

XINHUA



Supporters of Luis Guillermo Solis, presidential candidate of the Citizen Action Party, take part in a rally in San Jose, Costa Rica, on 6 April, 2014. Presidential election in Costa Rica entered into a second round on Sunday.—XINHUA

Ammunition depot blast kills 30 rebels in Syria's Homs

DAMASCUS, 7 April—More than 30 rebels including field commanders were killed on Sunday in a huge explosion of an ammunition depot in the country's central province of Homs, activists and local media said.

Homs-based activists said the huge explosion at the Jouret al-Shayah area in the old quarter of Homs was caused by a government troops' Grad missile that slammed into a reserve ammunition depot, which

was prepared by the rebels in a bid to unleash an offensive against the government troops to break the year-long siege on rebel-held areas inside the old city of Homs.

Xinhua

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 8 April, 2014

Necessity of unbreakable internal peace

Myanmar has suffered decades-long civil war which reduced the nation to rubbles, resulting in misunderstanding and mistrust among national brethren of the country. Genuine peace is a necessity all the Myanmar nationals deserve. The country has experienced the ravages of internal conflicts during which people fell into the victims of the scorched-earth policy of the retreating forces.

Everybody wants to enjoy peace. No one wants to hear the sound of gunshots, and expects fears and insecurities. Civil unrests and political upheavals have caused Myanmar lag

behind in development. While Myanmar had been submerged in internal divides for decades, the neighbouring countries are making rapid progresses in various sectors including education, tourism, healthcare services, and human resources.

People across the country are now waiting for good news from peace negotiations. But it cannot be said that each party involved in the peace-making process has no axe to grind. Compromise agreements must be made in favour of national development. Pending nationwide peace agreement should be urgently implemented by the leaders concerned.

While Ukraine crisis and Syria conflict are impacting on global communities, Myanmar itself is now facing demands for the amendment of 2008 Constitution in time for 2015 General Election, protests on land grabbing issues, and ethnic conflicts. It should be taken lesson that ever since regaining the country's independence, various degrees of civil strife plagued the nation. The

State's progress during the period soon after regaining independence was hampered by unrest in many areas.

The peace process that has brought in tranquility to the formerly some volatile areas has made a certain level of progress, but further cooperation is still needed among stakeholders. Through working together, instead of fighting, national brethren need to contribute their joint efforts to peace-making process. Myanmar is sandwiched between two highly populated countries in the world. This geopolitical situation pinpoints the need for propagation of Union spirit in the country through the lasting peace and unity.

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Marketing

Kyí Mun

Marketing means the activity of presenting, advertising and selling a company's products in the best possible way.

The Oxford Dictionary

Marketing is officially defined as : "The management process responsible for identifying, anticipating and satisfying customer requirements profitably."

In common language, Marketing is Targeting. Yes, marketing is targeting customer, which means either the buyer or the end-user or final consumer. In fact marketing is making the agitation & propaganda (Agi-Prop) for promoting the sale of one's products/services. In short, marketing is meeting/exceeding needs profitable. Or marketing is satisfying expectations on a win-win basis.

There are basically three kinds of marketing, namely, Internal Marketing, External Marketing, and Interactive Marketing.

Internal Marketing is conducted by a company to develop its people -to develop people to become Best-of-the Class or Best-of-Breed. So, it is called BB Marketing.

External Marketing is done by a company to win over the hearts and minds of its various audiences to the fact that the company's products/services will exceed their expectations: Hence, the External Marketing can be called EE Marketing -Exceeding Expectations of Customers.

Interactive Marketing is the hands-on tactics of a company's employees vis-à-vis the customers, Internal Marketing personnel are the catalysts of the Moment-of-Truth (MOT) which, in fact, decides the demarcation line between customer satisfaction and customer dissatisfaction. Internal Marketing paves the way to creating moment-of-truth that culminates in Customer Delight. So, Internal Marketing can be dubbed as MOT Marketing.

The purpose of marketing is to Make More Sales, to Boost the Brand-Image, to Increase Market Share as well as Customer Share, and to Steal the Lime Light.

The fundamental functions of the general marketing are: The STOP functions : Segmentation of Market, Tar-

geting Customers, Offerings and Positioning.

The basic functions of the Direct Marketing are the LOCK Functions: Lists, Offerings, Creative, and Knowledge -Lists of prospective Customers, Company's Offerings, Creative Advertising etc., and Product and Market and Customer Knowledge.

The Strategic Marketing Mix includes : The 10-Ps of Marketing

- **Philosophy of Business** e.g. Serving Humanity to the Highest Level
- **Purpose of Business** e.g. Building Win-Win Relationships
- **Policy of Business** e.g. Putting Customers First
- **Product** e.g. Providing maximum **Core Benefits**
- **Price** e.g. Charging Lowest Possible **Customer-Cost**
- **Place** e.g. Giving maximum **Convenience**
- **Promotion** e.g. **Communications** with in-depth approaches
- **People** e.g. **Commitment** with **Caring**
- **Process** e.g. **Comfort-giving** Process with Accuracy & speed
- **Physical Evidence** e.g. **Confidence-inspiring** buildings, structures & other tangibles.

The Tactical Marketing Approaches are:

- Product Architecture
- Product Range
- Packaging
- Branding

- Pricing
- Distribution (Channels)
- Distribution (Logistics)
- Merchandizing (Displaying)
- Positioning
- Selling
- Customer Service
- Advertising
- Promotion
- Public Relations
- After-Sales-Service
- Customer Relationships Management

The Vision of Marketing

- Marketing is all about **Strategy**
- Strategy is all about **Moves**
- Moves are all about **Customer**
- Customer is all about **Value**
- Value is all about **Value for Money**

(Value for Money = Quality divided by Price)

- Value for Money is all about:

Product	Value
Service	Value
People	Value
Image	Value
Brand	Value
Differentiation	Value

The Six Basic Activities of Marketing

1. Identifying the needs of existing and potential customers
2. Determining the best product strategy
3. Ensuring the effective distribution of products
4. Informing customers of the existence of products and persuading them to buy those products
5. Determining the prices at which products should be sold
6. Ensuring that AFTER-SALES SERVICE is of the Right Quality

The Grand Strategy of Marketing

* Meeting or Exceeding the following Seven Basic Needs of the Customers:

1. Core Benefits
2. Customer-Cost-Monetary Cost, Time Cost, Energy Cost & Psychic Cost
3. Convenience
4. Communications with Compelling Promises
5. Commitment with Caring
6. Comfort-giving Accuracy & Speed
7. Confidence-inspiring Tangibles & Intangibles

- Ref :*
1. Philips Kottler's Various Books on Marketing
 2. Pocket Marketing—the skills and practice of marketing from A to Z

Myanmar's oldest English daily newspaper is hiring now!

The Global New Light of Myanmar will relocate to Yangon in mid-April and is now looking for foreign editors and local reporters. Journalists who prefer to work as freelancers or on a part-time basis are also welcome to submit their applications. For further details, please send an email with your resume and samples of your work to the chief editor wallace.tun@gmail.com.

GOLD PRICE, FE RATE (7-4-2014)

Yangon Gold Price

Buying K 665,300 per tical: Selling 666,300

Mandalay Gold Price

Buying K 665,200 per tical: Selling K 666,200

FE RATE

USD Buying	K 960	- Selling K 964
SGD Buying	K 758	- Selling K 768
Euro Buying	K 1308	- Selling K 1328

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NATIONAL

M.V Nautica Cruise Ship arrives at MITT



YANGON, 7 April—The globetrotters will pay a visit to Mandalay, Bagan and Yangon. M.V Nautica cruise ship is the 12th vessel of its kind during the first four month of the year 2014.

“A total of 12 Myanmar sailors are among those who are working on the cruise ship. This is the pride of Myanmar,” said an official of the company.

Khin Cho Win

Ministry of Health provides constant health care services to HIV/AIDS patients in cooperation with Rakhine state government, UN agencies and social organizations

NAY PYI TAW, 7 April—The Ministry of Health is giving constant health care services to the HIV/AIDS patients in Rakhine State in collaboration with Rakhine State government, UN agencies and social organizations at home and abroad.

The deputy director-general (Disease Control) from the Department of Health and party made a field trip to Rakhine State to give ART to the HIV/AIDS patients and other necessary health care services to locals from 2 to

4 March. During the tour, the team provided health care services to the HIV/AIDS and Malaria and TB patients, clinical handover of patients for treatment and health care services to the locals as mobile health care team.

“The Ministry of Health has been providing ART to 93 HIV/AIDS patients at Sittway Hospital, to 340 patient at the clinic of Medicines Sans Frontiers (MSF-Holland) in Sittway and 406 patients in Buthidaung and Maungtau Townships before issuing

directive to temporarily suspend health care services of MSF-Holland in Rakhine State. Arrangements are being made to provide ART to 433 HIV/AIDS patients at People’s Hospital and Mingan Health Center in Sittway by the Ministry,” said an official of the Ministry of Health.

At present, 300 HIV/AIDS patients in Sittway, 69 in Maungtau and 337 in Buthidaung townships totaling 706 patients are being provided with ART, according to the Ministry of Health.—MNA

CONGRATULATIONS TO MY BELOVED TATMADAW

KYAW ZAN HLA

Tatmadaw Armed Forces Day has come to conclusion in a glorious way,
Never Forgotten, though it has gone back away,
Whenever it comes, comes as auspicious and happy day,
But when it goes back after brilliant performances, people’s hearts remained like a Sad Day,
Tatmadaw is loved by our citizens forever,
With much expectation, to see them again in the most stronger position next year,
In all sectors, in all fields, Tatmadaw this year had played a marvellous performance,
The soldiers with their heartfelt hearts, made the people a sign of affection, love and remembrance,
Tatmadaw has scored a great achievements,
For, we saw all activities views, through TV in vast astonishment,
Soldiers with patriotic songs halted their marching walks at the Parade Ground,
Groups by groups, in conformity with military order stood firm in line all around,
There rolled in the Parade Ground, armoured vehicles and mobile rocket launchers,
Never seen before in the past-years,
All the ranks stood in their motionless in calmness,
In the parade ground,
Military compulsory order to stand all,
So silent, quiet, someone can hear even a sound of a needle fall,
Awaiting to salute and listen to C in C’s address,
Not only soldiers, but also invited guests as Foreign Defence Attaches and observers to lend their ears with interest,
C in C as per his highest military rank position came in, accompanied with Full Bodyguards,
All the Military Troops, Brigade Commander as well, saluted to C in C sharp in military smart,
Whence the C in C’s speech, the Brigadier General requested for saluting march past, C in C granted permission with all his heart,
While marching, patriotic songs of the soldiers, voices came like a Thunderstorm,
The songs were so patriotic who ever heard the songs compelled the body hairs aroused and strong,
There emerged the three Military Helicopters in the sky while the Military Chief was taking the salute,
High up in the sky, the Military Helicopters bearing the STATE FLAG hanging downwards in respectable mood,
Everybody in the Row, sitting seen stood up as a gesture of respect to the UNION FLAG,
Released three beautiful magnificent rays in line by the

fighter jets Yellow, Green, and Red,
Which is the Symbol of our Union Flag.
As a token of salute to C in C, flew twice or thrice up in the sky to pay due respect,
C in C accepted all the salutes seemed from the bottom of his heart,
Whence, all the soldiers in the parade ground saluted while farewell marching passed,
Before departure, C in C waved his hand to everyone in the dignitary rows,
Shown as very friendly manner towards all as before,
Tatmadaw has done a splendid job,
For not forgotten the old aged soldiers, the patriots,
Who are in fact once upon a time the great warriors,
Served the nation faithfully from various angles for many years,
Some saved the country loyally from all dangers,
Especially, when the nation was aroused with full insurgency,
They saved the nation and people’s lives, thus entered into history,
Some are Lt-Generals, (Navy) Admiral, (Air) General, all brave soldiers,
Now all living in their sentimental retirement peacefully,
In clear transparency, seen they were, in the TV, wishing each other joyfully,
All sitting, we could see them almost all in satisfaction with smiling faces,
Some looked a little bit changed, but some still not and some seen still on the Top Gear chatting with National Races,
Among the views the said view, was the greatest of all,
Superseded all the sceneries and took the place as remarkable tall,
Therefore, C in C has done the lovely and rightful job,
They had brought all the old aged great heroes to the entitle top,
Paying respectful homage to the elders in accord with the Buddhism Rights,
Made every Buddhist heart with wonderful shines and bright,
Three times blessing words “THADU” came from every Buddhist heart,
Towards the C in C and his comrades, who have the real Buddhist Blood,
Uncontrollable tears melted and rolled down on everybody’s cheek,
Some cried with low voices, while watching TV, reciting “THADU” on their lips,
Peoples were delighted when seen the old aged in Television still survive,

Even I shed tears, took my hands to my forehead, prayed to some who are my seniors in age blessing in delight,
But being mortal, they all are now in the evenings of their lives,
Thus, I pray to Almighty for their longevities until they survive,
Even after their last journey, may their souls rest in Heavenly Home peacefully (RIP),
May hastily response “THADU” to the call of virtuous-merits done by their dear loved ones occasionally,
For my late congratulation, my subservient request to my beloved Tatmadaw,
I am eager to lay my expression frankly like an open door,
As I am also running in the evening of life,
My hands are heavy, delaying me as seemed unmoved alike,
Facts and figures have been collected and kept in my custody,
But delayed to express my timely congratulation remained sorrowfully,
My old age speaks and hampered me to write as I am in necessary,
Hence, are the delays to say all about, my honesty and sincerity,
But, however my beloved soldiers,
You all stand in everybody’s heart as Peoples lovers,
I salute you in my utmost deepest respect and congratulate you my C in C,
Who I presume as Prominent Figure in Regional Community,
Also in the International Community like a wide an Ocean Sea,
Prestige, up to the sky with all your Loyalty and Honesty,
For the achievements you have made so brilliancy,
On the 69th Armed Forces Day Anniversary,
As I had said, and will always say our Beloved Tatmadaw will stay ever high sky tall as before,
In the Regional and International Community with magnificent colors as a RAINBOW,
Our beloved Tatmadaw will remain as taller as Mount Everest,
On which you will see soon, our Republic of the Union of Myanmar FLAG,
Duly signed by our Beloved President, will be magnanimously erected,
On the ever wonderful soil of Mount Everest,
Long live my Beloved Tatmadaw,

Kyaw Zan Hla

Member of Myanmar Writers Association (0040)

Obama to launch executive actions on equal pay for women



US President Barack Obama pauses before talking about the Fort Hood shooting in Texas, while he hosts a ceremony welcoming the United States Olympic and Paralympic teams from the 2014 Winter Games in Sochi to the East Room of the White House, in Washington on 3 April, 2014.—REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 7 April — President Barack Obama will launch two new executive actions this week aimed at increasing transparency about women's pay in a continuing effort to ensure women are paid equally to their male counterparts for similar

work, the White House said on Sunday.

Obama and his advisers often cite the fact that the first law the president signed after taking office in 2009 was the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which extended time periods for employees to file claims for wages lost as a result of discrimination.

Women make up a critical constituent bloc that propelled Obama into the White House, and his advisers are eager to show the US leader's commitment to advancing policies that are important to women.

Despite the advancements of the Lilly Ledbetter law, named for a

woman who fought against her own pay discrimination, the White House said more needed to be done.

"A central challenge that remains to enforcing equal pay laws is pay secrecy. If women do not even know that... they are underpaid, they cannot take steps to remedy the pay gap," a White House official said. "For example, Lilly Ledbetter was paid less than her male co-workers for decades without realizing it until someone took a risk and slipped her an anonymous note."

To help address that issue, Obama on Tuesday will sign an executive order to prevent federal contractors from "retaliating"

against workers who discuss their compensation.

"The executive order does not compel workers to discuss pay nor require employers to publish or otherwise disseminate pay data," the official said. "But (it) does provide a critical tool to encourage pay transparency, so workers have a potential way of discovering violations of equal pay laws and (are) able to seek appropriate remedies."

Obama also will direct the US secretary of labor to create regulations that require federal contractors to submit to the government summary data on employee compensation including details on sex and race.

Reuters

Son of ex-Chinese leader visits Japan in hopes of mending ties

BEIJING, 7 April — The eldest son of the late reform-minded Chinese leader Hu Yaobang arrived in Japan on Sunday for consultations with former Japanese leaders, a source familiar with Japan-China relations said on Monday.

Hu Deping, a 71-year-old former member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, will meet with former prime ministers Yasuo Fukuda and Yukio Hatoyama in the hopes of finding a way to smooth over recent frictions between Tokyo and Beijing.

On his trip, Hu, who is known to have close ties with Chinese President Xi Jinping, will "try to see whether it's possible to improve Japan and China's chilly relationship and then share his observations with the Chinese leadership," a source on the Japanese side said.

During his weeklong stay in Japan, Hu is also expected to discuss the state of Sino-Japanese political and economic relations with other important figures in the worlds of politics and economics.

Kyodo News



Soldiers participate in an operation in the favela area of Mare Complex, north of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 5 April, 2014. All the access areas to Mare Complex were isolated with the support of armored vehicles, army and navy troops, by Saturday's 4:40 am of local time, to proceed with the security operation.—XINHUA

Slovenia to add excise duties to fill national budget hole

LJUBLJANA, 7 April — The Slovenian cabinet agreed on Sunday to increase excise duties to compensate the shortfall of some 200 million euros (275 million US dollars) in 2014 national budget after Constitutional Court quashed the 2013 real estate tax act in late March.

Apart from lifting excise duties, mostly on tobacco and alcohol, the coalition government also agreed to fill the budget hole by saving up to 50 million euros in the

public sector, Prime Minister Alenka Bratusek told reporters after the cabinet meeting.

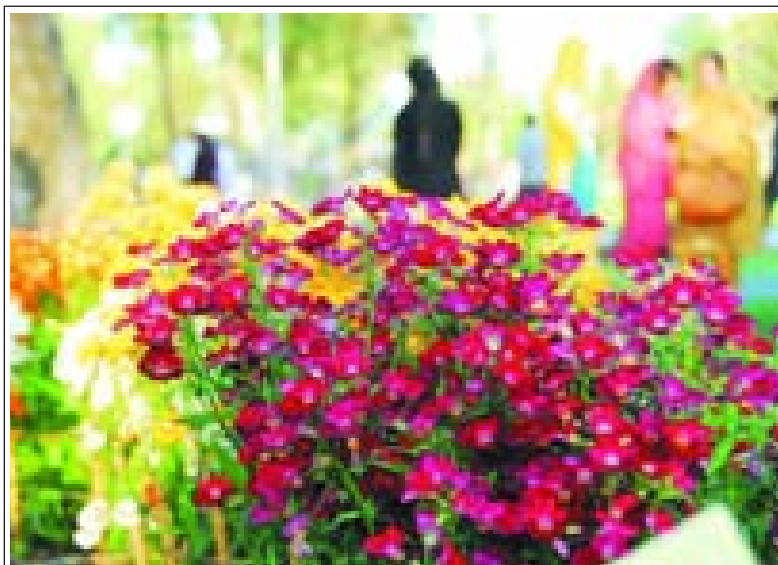
The government will revise regulations to allow companies that have overdue obligations to pay them in several instalments, and to reprogram their tax debts.

Bratusek expressed belief that noteworthy surpluses of several public institutions, and profits made by state-owned companies, plus increased excise duties

will "close the 2014 budget."

A controversial real estate tax bill was adopted by the National Assembly on Nov. 15, 2013. New real estate tax was believed to be a crucial source of income for the government when it began taking effect in January 2014. However, Slovenia's Constitutional Court declared the 2013 real estate tax act "null and void", saying that key parts of the tax law was unconstitutional.

Xinhua



People enjoy flowers on the last day of a spring flower show in Islamabad, capital of Pakistan, on 6 April, 2014. Flowers are in full bloom as temperature rises in Pakistan. XINHUA

Kyoto Gov Yamada wins 4th term

KYOTO, 7 April — Kyoto Gov Keiji Yamada won a fourth four-year term on Sunday, beating a challenger supported by the opposition Japanese Communist Party.

Backed by the New Komeito party and the local chapters of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party and the main opposition Democratic Party of Japan, Yamada, 60, was challenged by Nozomu Ozaki, a 59-year-old pediatrician.

Both officially ran as independents.

Voter turnout was a record-low 34.45 percent, down 3.99 percentage points from the previous record low registered in 2006.

During his campaign, Yamada pledged to create 30,000 regular jobs over the next four years and reduce the number of children waiting to enroll in nursery schools to zero. Although the prefecture is

located near Kansai Electric Power Co's Takahama nuclear plant, partly within a zone where immediate evacuation is required in the event of a serious accident, Yamada largely avoided addressing the issue.

The incumbent is in his second term as president of the National Governors Association, after being re-elected unopposed in April 2013.

Kyodo News

Pro-Russia protesters seize Ukraine buildings, Kiev blames Putin

DONETSK / KIEV, (Ukraine), 7 April — Pro-Russian protesters seized state buildings in three east Ukrainian cities on Sunday, triggering accusations from the pro-European government in Kiev that President Vladimir Putin was orchestrating "separatist disorder". The protesters stormed regional government buildings in the industrial hub of Donetsk and security service offices in nearby Luhansk, waving Russian flags and demanding a Crimea-style referen-

dum on joining Russia.

Protesters also later seized the regional administrative building in Kharkiv, Ukraine's second largest city, Interfax news agency reported. All three cities lie close to Ukraine's border with Russia.

Interior Minister Arsen Avakov vowed to restore order in eastern Ukraine without using violence and also accused Ukraine's ousted president Viktor Yanukovich, whose political base was in Donetsk, of conspiring with Putin to fuel

tensions.

"Putin and Yanukovich ordered and paid for the latest wave of separatist disorder in the east of the country. The people who have gathered are not many but they are very aggressive," Avakov said in a statement on his Facebook page. "The situation will come back under control without bloodshed. That is the order to law enforcement officers, it's true. But the truth is that no one will peacefully tolerate the lawlessness of provocateurs."—Reuters



Pro-Russian protesters stand inside the seized regional administrative building in Kharkiv on 6 April, 2014. REUTERS

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Retailers push into crowded mobile payment market

BERLIN, 7 April — Big retailers are muscling in on the likes of Visa, MasterCard and Google in a fiercely competitive and growing mobile payment market that promises to cut transaction costs and increase customer loyalty.

Stores such as British supermarket Tesco and France's Auchan hope their "digital wallets" — apps which allow users to pay with their smartphones rather than cash or cards — will also give them more comprehensive data about customers' shopping habits than ever before so they can target advertising.

They are joining a crowded market — banks, card companies and tech firms like Google and Apple are all entering the mobile payment business, each hoping their app will



A placard advertising an eBay app for Apple is shown in San Francisco, California, on 22 April, 2009. — REUTERS

become the industry standard. eBay's PayPal, well established in e-commerce, is also experimenting with the technology.

Retailers hope to

attract customers to their own services by giving discounts and rewards to those using them, while also linking payments automatically to loyalty schemes and

offering features like saved shopping lists.

The global market for mobile payments is forecast to grow about threefold by 2017 to some \$721

billion worth of transactions, with more than 450 million users, according to research firm Gartner.

The growth could benefit retailers as the competition from a host of payment providers should help drive down the fees stores pay to have transactions processed — a service currently dominated by banks and card firms Visa and MasterCard. "We view merchants as overall beneficiaries of the trend toward mobile payments," said Morgan Stanley, which estimated retailers in developed countries spent up to \$150 billion in 2012 to accept card payments. "Expected returns should justify any incremental investments required in enabling mobile payments technology," it said in a report in January.

Reuters

British rooftops to become power stations amid solar strategy

LONDON, 7 April — British government estate, as well as factories, supermarkets and parking lots will be turned into "solar hubs," energy department said on Friday.

The UK Solar PV Strategy, the first of its kind in Britain, was published by the Department of Energy & Climate Change on Friday, which sets out the government's ambition to see solar panels rolled out more widely and with it the potential to support tens of thousands of jobs.

According to the strategy, there are an estimated 250,000 hectares of south facing commercial roofs in Britain. Energy department will clear the way for widespread use of mid-scale solar panels by using space on top of factories, supermarkets, warehouses, parking lots and other commercial and industrial buildings. The government will also use public estate such as Ministry of Defence buildings, schools, and hospitals to make sure that not one inch of suitable Government roof space is wasted.

"We have put ourselves among the world leaders on solar and this ambitious strategy will place us right at the cutting edge," said Minister of State for Energy Greg Barker. "There is massive potential to turn our large buildings into power stations and we must seize the opportunity this offers to boost our economy as part of our long term economic plan."

Xinhua

Australian scientists develop new tool for galactic archaeology

CANBERRA, 7 April — Australian scientists have developed a more precise way to deduce the ages of stars and to pinpoint when this Galaxy's big events happened, the latest research statement of the Australian National University (ANU) showed on Monday.

Until now, a celestial version of the carbon-dating used by terrestrial archaeologists has been missing. And this new tool, which harnesses the light and sounds from the stars, changed this situation.

Xinhua

Hewlett-Packard shares look cheap despite big rebound

NEW YORK, 7 April — Shares of Hewlett-Packard Co are poised to rise by 20 percent over the next year, helped by an expected pick-up in information-technology spending, according to an article in the 7 April edition of Barron's.

HP's stock has risen 46 percent in the past year, but with a valuation of 8.7 times projected earnings over the next four quarters, it still trades at a 44 percent discount to the market, the financial newspaper said. By way of comparison, Xerox trades at close to 10 times earnings, it added.

While spending on information technology has been weak in recent years, buyers worldwide are on track to spend 3.2 percent more this year, research group Gartner said last

week.

Barron's pointed to a report that said if HP can gain an extra point of market share in the computer servers market, it would be worth around \$400 million in revenue.

Currently, HP shares, which closed at \$32.64 on the New York Stock Exchange on Friday, go for the same price they did 15 years ago, as the Internet and smartphones have made things like pricey personal computers and printers less of a necessity.

But the company has undergone a massive restructuring since former eBay Chief Executive Meg Whitman took the helm in 2011. HP, which until 2010 was the world's largest tech company by revenue, has announced 34,000 job



A Hewlett-Packard logo is seen at the company's Executive Briefing Center in Palo Alto, California on 16 Jan, 2013. — REUTERS

cuts since May 2012, and through carefully managing inventory and keeping capital spending in check, it has generated more than \$15 billion in free cash in its past two fiscal years, Barron's said.

A 20 percent gain over

the next year would put HP shares at close to \$40, with a Xerox-like valuation of about 10 times earnings, based on next year's forecast, Barron's said.

"That seems like a low hurdle," it added.

Reuters

Weibo IPO could value company at about \$3.9 billion

SHANGHAI, 7 April — China's Weibo Corp said it expected its initial public offering of 20 million American Depository Shares to be priced at \$17-\$19 each, valuing the Twitter-like messaging service at about \$3.9 billion.

The IPO is expected to raise about \$380 million at the top end of the expected price range.

Weibo, owned by Sina Corp, is the latest Chinese internet giant to tap US markets, following on the heels of search service Baidu and its own corpo-

rate parent.

Alibaba Group Holding Ltd, which owns a stake in Weibo, is expected to raise about \$15 billion in New York this year, in the biggest internet IPO since Facebook's debut in 2012.

Sina, which holds about 78 percent of Weibo, would see its stake drop to about 57 percent after the offering.

Weibo intends to list its common stock on the Nasdaq under the symbol "WB."

The number of Chinese companies looking

to list shares on the US exchanges have risen steadily since last year despite simmering concerns among investors about Chinese accounting standards.

Weibo's advertising and marketing revenue rose almost three times to \$148.42 million in 2013.

Total revenue rose to \$188.3 million in 2013 from \$65.9 million while net loss narrowed to \$38.1 million from \$102.5 million. Goldman Sachs (Asia) LLC and Credit Suisse are the lead underwriters for the offering. — Reuters



A man holds an iPhone as he visits Sina's Weibo microblogging site in Shanghai on 29 May, 2012. — REUTERS

Blasts in S Thailand leave one dead, at least 14 wounded

BANGKOK, 7 April — One person is dead and at least 14 others wounded in several bomb attacks Sunday in Thailand's southern Yala Province, authorities said.

The attacks came around at 4 pm in the central area of the Muang District of the province where shops and several companies are located.

Joint squads of military and police have been deployed around the sites of the attacks and squads are hunting the suspects, who apparently escaped on motorbikes. About a dozen low-rise buildings were destroyed.—Kyodo News



Tourists enjoy the scenery of rape flowers on boats in Xinghua City of Taizhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 6 April, 2014. Sunday is the second of the three-day break for Qingming Festival. Tens of thousands of people come to Taizhou to spend their holiday among the scenery of rape flowers.—XINHUA

Indonesian main opposition party to win upcoming parliamentary elections

JAKARTA, 7 April—The Democratic Party of Struggle (PDI-P), Indonesia's largest opposition party led by former president Megawati, will dominate the national and regional parliamentary elections on April 9, analysts said.

After high-pressure campaigns since 16 March, the country's 12 national political parties and three local parties from the Aceh special region have to cease campaign activities starting Sunday, three days before the poll.

More than 6,600 candidates from the country that consists of 17,000 islands will compete for 560 seats in the Lower House and 132 in the Upper House, while another 16,000 hopefuls are contesting at the provincial and

district levels.

Andrinof A Chaniago, a public policy expert from University of Indonesia told *Xinhua* days ago that PDI-P will be the biggest winner in the election after its hugely popular candidate Jakarta Governor Joko Widodo, locally known as Jokowi, has been confirmed to run for president last month.

According to a prediction by Bambang Suryono, the president of the academic research organization of Nanyang ASEAN Foundation, PDI-P will be ahead with about 28 percent to 30 percent of the vote followed by Golkar, once the parliamentary vehicle of the dictator Soeharto with 18.5 percent.

Bambang told *Xinhua* recently that Jokowi, many

Indonesians call Jakarta's Obama, is almost certain to win the July's presidential election, however, his party has to secure at least 25 percent of the vote in the national and regional parliamentary election or 20 percent of the 560 seats in the Lower House to nominate him for the race.

Andrinof said the outgoing President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono's Demokrat party, which hold the most seats in the parliament, are struggling to win votes in the double digits thanks to the corruption scandals which have hit its popularity hard.

Five Muslim-based parties will be stuck to the current positions if their popularity are not decreased, Andrinof said.

Xinhua

Kidnappers make 1st phone call to family of Chinese tourist abducted in Semporna

KUALA LUMPUR, 7 April — Kidnappers made their first phone call to the family of the Chinese tourist they abducted along with a Filipino resort worker from a Semporna resort, Malaysian local newspaper *New Straits Times* quoted Eastern Sabah Security Command Director-General Mohammad Mentek as saying on Sunday.

"The call was made by a representative of the gunmen who informed the family that victims are safe," he said, adding that no demand had been made

by the abductors as far as he knew. Mohammad said the police was making an investigation, and all security departments in Esscom had discussed the positioning of their vessels and boats in Semporna waters.

"The military, Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency, and the marine police have managed to restructure the position of their assets taking into account the passage commonly used by kidnappers and new routes that have been identified," he added.

Xinhua

S Korean military discusses ways to defend airspace from DPRK drones

SEOUL, 7 April — Major military officials in South Korea met Monday morning to discuss how to defend its airspace from drones dispatched by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), which were feared to develop into those that can conduct suicide-bombing operations, Seoul's Defence Ministry said.

South Korean Defence Minister Kim Kwan-jin convened a meeting of major commanding officers, including chiefs of staff of army, navy and air force as well as field army commanders, to come up with measures to enhance its air

defence against possible DPRK attacks with pilotless airplanes.

Defence Ministry spokesman Kim Min-seok told a routine press briefing that Minister Kim stressed the urgency of countermeasures during the closed-door meeting, noting he defined the drones as a "new threat" from the DPRK. Pyongyang has developed such small unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) to plug a gap in intelligence capability with South Korea, but such UAVs will advance into those that can stage terrorist attacks, the top military official said.—*Xinhua*

Japan, India to hold talks over exports of US2 rescue plane on Wednesday

TOKYO, 7 April — Japan and India will hold a second round of working-level talks in Tokyo on Wednesday over the former's aim to export US2 amphibious rescue aircraft to the latter, the Defence Ministry said.

Tokyo is considering exporting the aircraft without removing such defence equipment as the identification friend or foe system and cryptography, as it adopted new principles and guidelines on arms exports last Tuesday, overturning its decades-long arms embargo policy, government officials said.

Officials from the defence, foreign and trade ministries will participate in the meeting, which follows one last December. On Tuesday, Japan will invite Indian officials for a trial flight of the plane and a tour of the plant where it is manufactured in Kobe, western Japan.

Kyodo News

Cambodia's economy projected to grow at 7.2 pct this year

PHNOM PENH, 7 April — Cambodia's economy is forecast to grow at 7.2 percent this year, driven by continued robust growth of the garment and tourism sectors in combination with continued global recovery and political stability, the World Bank said in its Economic Update report released on Monday.

"Economic growth for 2014 is projected to reach 7.2 percent based on a continued global economic recovery, the return of stability to the domestic economic environment and renewed confidence over the rest of the year," the report said. "Potential further political uncertainty and labor unrest and an economic slowdown in China may pose downside risks."

The report said the country's inflation is projected to remain in single digits over the short term.

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A man flies a 50-meter-long kite at the 9th Suzhou International Kite Festival in Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 6 April, 2014. The festival kicked off here on Sunday.—XINHUA

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Fifth anniversary of L'Aquila quake shows need for "culture of risk" in Italy

MILAN, 7 April — Five years after a dramatic earthquake killed 309 people on 6 April, 2009, in L'Aquila, a mid-sized town in central Italy, much of the city's historic center was still leveled, a sign of what experts have defined as a "lack of a culture of risk" in the country.

The Italian state has funded reconstruction works in the outskirts of L'Aquila with some 3 billion euros (4.1 billion US dollars). But in the historic center of the Medieval city, few signs of reconstructions could be seen, and only a few residents have come back to live where 30,000 people used to have their homes.

Riccardo Campagna, an expert in risk management, was in charge for managing the State reconstruction funds in L'Aquila on behalf of Cineas, a Milan-based consortium with professionals from academia, industrial world and insurance industries to spread culture and vocational training regarding risks in Italy.

"Italy has a very efficient civil protection capable to save lives in case of emergency, but the country is not well organized in the reconstruction process," Campagna said.

Reparation works, the expert went on to explain, "are funded by the State, which differently from the other developed economies in the world has never adopted a law to compel or even only encourage citizens to take out insurance."

Xinhua

10 killed in insurgent attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 7 April — Ten people were killed and nine other wounded in separate violent attacks in Iraq on Sunday, police said.

In early hours of the day, unknown gunmen broke into the house of a man in the town of Latifiyah, some 30 km south of the Iraqi capital Baghdad, and stabbed him, his wife and four of his sons to death with knives, an Interior Ministry source said.

Latifiyah is part of the restive area, dubbed "Triangle of Death", which is a hotbed of the insurgency against the US troops and Iraqi security forces. The town is one of a cluster of Sunni towns scattered north of Babil's provincial capital city Hilla, about 100 km

south of Baghdad.

In Anbar province, a leader of a local government-backed Sahwa paramilitary group was killed in a roadside bomb explosion near his car in the southern part of the provincial capital city Ramadi, some 110 km west of Baghdad, a provincial police source said.

Separately, gunmen clashed with members of a government-backed Sahwa paramilitary group in the town of Khaldiyyah, some 80 km west of Baghdad, killing a Sahwa member and wounding three others, the source said. The Sahwa militia, also known as the Awakening Council or the Sons of Iraq, consists of armed groups and some powerful anti-US Sunni

insurgent groups who turned their rifles against the al-Qaeda network after the latter exercised indiscriminate killings against both Shiite and Sunni Muslim communities. Meanwhile, a soldier was killed and two others wounded when a roadside bomb struck their patrol in Albu-Bali area in east of Ramadi, the source added. Elsewhere, a suicide bomber tried to drive his booby-trapped tanker into a police commando headquarters in the city of Tikrit, some 170 km north of Baghdad, but the guards opened fire on his tanker and blew it up before reaching target, leaving at least one policeman wounded, a local police source said.

Xinhua

Koyal Rana wins Miss India 2014 title



MUMBAI, 7 April — Koyal Rana won the coveted Miss India 2014 crown on Saturday night in a glittering ceremony, beating 24 other contestants from across the country, local media reported.

Koyal Rana from Delhi was crowned fbb Femina Miss India World 2014 at Yash Raj Studio in Mumbai. While Jhataleka Malhotra from Mumbai finished as the first runner-up, Gail Nicole Da Silva from Margao, Goa was the second runner up.

Last year's winner Navneet Kaur Dhillon and Miss World 2013 Megan Young crowned Rana the new Femina Miss India 2014.

Rana will represent India at the Miss World international beauty pageant this year.

Xinhua

Singer-songwriter Aloe Blacc tops UK music chart

LONDON, 7 April — US singer-songwriter Aloe Blacc claimed his first solo UK number one on Sunday when his track “The Man” topped the British singles chart, the Official Charts Company said.

The track by 35-year-old Blacc, whose real name is Egbert Nathaniel Dawkins III, pays homage to the chorus melody of Elton John's first UK top 10 single “Your Song”.

Blacc made his UK charts debut in 2011 with “I Need Dollar”, which peaked at number two, and last summer provided guest vocals for Avicii's chart-topping track “Wake Me Up”, the Official Charts Company said.

Reuters

John Legend's “All Of Me” climbed three places to take the number two spot, while Duke Dumont's “I Got U” featuring Jax Jones was down one in third place.

In the album chart, the Kaiser Chiefs went straight in at number one with their fifth album “Education, Education, Education & War”, knocking winner of reality show The X Factor Sam Bailey's “The Power Of Love” into second place.

George Michael's former number one album “Symphonica” slipped one place to number three, the Official Charts Company said.



Aloe Blacc performs “Wake Me Up” and “The Man” at the 27th Annual Kids' Choice Awards in Los Angeles, California on 29 March, 2014.—REUTERS

Strait, Lambert leads winners at Academy of Country Music awards

LAS VEGAS, 7 April — Country music veteran George Strait and singer Miranda Lambert led the winners at the 49th Academy of Country Music awards, while the genre's biggest names, including Blake Shelton, Lady Antebellum, Eric Church and Keith Urban, sang their hits.

Strait, 61, won the night's top prize of Entertainer of the Year, beating out Lambert, Luke Bryan, Blake Shelton and Taylor Swift. Bryan won the title last year.

“Wow. Thank you so much. You know what, I've always said I've had the best fans in the world and I heard this was a fan voted thing, so I rest my case. This is so amazing, it's been such an amazing past 30 years,” Strait said.

Shelton, who co-hosted the awards show with Bryan, added “our hero won tonight.”

Lambert won female vocalist, beating out Sheryl



Brian Kelley (L) and Tyler Hubbard of Florida Georgia Line accept the Vocal Duo of the Year Award at the 49th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards in Las Vegas, Nevada on 6 April, 2014.—REUTERS

Crow, Kacey Musgraves, Carrie Underwood and Swift, and also won single record of the year for her hit “Mama's Broken Heart.”

“I'm so grateful and thankful and humbled,” the singer said.

The Academy of Country Music is an organization of music industry professionals who aim to promote and preserve the tradition of country music, and they

vote for the top country music achievers for their annual awards ceremony.

Jason Aldean won male vocalist for the second consecutive year, calling the win “an even bigger shock this year.”

Rising artist Kacey Musgraves picked up album of the year for her debut studio record “Same Trailer Different Park.”

Reuters



Action movie actor Jackie Chan (C) and his friends sing at a charity concert marking his 60th birthday in Beijing, capital of China, on 6 April, 2014.—XINHUA

Converted 3D movie for Chinese market comes under question

BEIJING, 7 April — Transcendence, starring Johnny Depp, is questioned for “robbing money” with converted 3D version to be exclusively shown in China on 18 April.

The sci-fi thriller will come out in theatres in the same day in the United States, only in 2D and Imax versions.

It is hard to tell whether Chinese audiences have a privilege over their for-

eign counterparts since Transcendence and another of its kind, RoboCop, are released in the 3D version only in China, said Yangcheng Evening News on Saturday.

As China, the second largest movie market, is enjoying better than ever market status featuring simultaneous release and superstar promotion tours, some industry insiders raise doubts on such specifically

converted 3D movies.

Movies shown in 3D version generate one third more in box office than those in 2D version, due to higher ticket prices, a sina.com report quotes a movie theater manager as saying.

Some industry insiders say converted 3D movies are pushed merely to make more money than creating better experiences for moviegoers.

Chinese audiences

largely hold 3D scenes are must-have elements in blockbusters, said Cui Xiaoyu with Beijing-based Cubic Pictures which undertook RoboCop's 3D conversion project in China.

RoboCop, which notched up 329 million yuan (52.9 million U.S. dollars) in China, or 20 percent of the total box office, is believed to have benefitted from its converted 3D version.—Xinhua

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**Asleep in Jesus
U San Din - age 80 yrs.**

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U San Din, residing at No.8, Dawna Road, Insein Township, Yangon, son of (Edward Din and Daw Thein Nyunt) husband of Daw Kayra; father of Daw Mie Mie Din - U Nyan Min Din; Nicky Din - Deborah Din (Sydney, Australia); Saw Si Din - Daw Marlar; Daw Mini Din - Saw Dawee Le'; Daw Cho Lay Mar - U Ye Myat Kyaw, was called to his heavenly home at 3:30 a.m on the 7th of April 2014.

Funeral Service will be held at Ywama Baptist Church, No. 136, Mingyi Road, Insein, at 9:00 a.m on Wed., the 9th of April 2014.

Oxford demolish Cambridge to win boat race in style



Oxford's rowing team reacts after beating Cambridge in the 160th Boat Race on the River Thames in London on 6 April, 2014.—REUTERS

LONDON, 7 April — Oxford emphatically demolished Cambridge by 11 lengths to win their fifth University Boat Race in seven years against their old rivals on Sunday.

The dark blues were heavy favourites going into the 160th edition of the contest on the River Thames and took an early lead following a collision five minutes into the race.

Cambridge's Luke Juckett briefly fell from his seat after a clash of oars,

leaving Oxford to power clear and cross the finish line in 18 minutes, 36 seconds with the biggest winning margin since 1973.

Oxford have now won 10 races since 2000, but Cambridge still have their noses ahead in the overall tally, having won 81 to Oxford's 78 with one dead heat.

Cambridge protested about the collision after the race but it was dismissed by race umpire Richard Phelps.—Reuters

Daw Soe Soe (Sally San Lin)
Aged 90 Years

Daw Soe Soe (Sally), wife of (U San Lin), Mother of (Daw Hmi Hmi Lin Valerie), U Soe Lin (Douglas) - Myadali, grandmother of Wyn Soe Lin - Amara Thiri Myaing, of 54, Inya Road, Yangon, passed away at 1:05 am on Monday (7.4.14).

Cremation at Yay Way Crematorium on Wednesday (9.4.14) at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes that donations be made to See Zar Yeik old age home.

Australia kicks off Indo-Pacific “New Colombo” programme in Japan

TOKYO, 7 April — Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott launched his government's “New Colombo Plan” at a ceremony Monday in Tokyo, welcoming Australian undergraduates studying and working as interns in Japan under the Indo-Pacific regional programme. Abbott, in Japan for talks with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, joined the students who are among the first batches of participants in the pilot programme also running in Indonesia, Singapore and Hong Kong.

The Australian premier stressed the importance of promoting people-to-people exchanges and creating bonds that will last years as Canberra aims to strengthen its ties with other countries in the region.

“It is recognition by Australia that while we have much to offer the world, while we have much to offer our region, our region has much to offer us,” Abbott told the ceremony. “We should walk together in harmony in the hearts of peace and friendship and understanding.”

Funded by Canberra, the New Colombo Plan gives Australian undergraduates aged 18 to 28

opportunities for study and internships from 2015, after the pilot phase in 2014.

Japan is taking part in the pilot phase of the programme and has already accepted some 50 Australian students. Kyoto University, Waseda University, and Sophia University are among nearly 40 institutions participating, according to the Australian Embassy in Tokyo. Abbott said students who will receive government support from next year and study in Japan under the programme will be named “Kishi fellows” after former Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi, Abe's grandfather who signed the trade treaty with Australia in 1957.

“Japan sees it as a valuable programme that will foster people who can act as a bridge between the two countries,” Japanese education minister Hakubun Shimomura told the ceremony.

Japan plans to double the number of foreign students studying in Japan to 300,000 by 2020, the year of the Tokyo Olympics, from around 135,000 as of last May and also hopes to encourage more Japanese students to go abroad, Shimomura said.

Kyodo News

29 Taliban insurgent members killed in fresh operations

KABUL, 7 April — The Afghan Interior Ministry said on Monday that 29 Taliban insurgents were killed, 12 wounded while 13 other militants were detained in cleanup operations since early Sunday.

“The Afghan security forces carried out several raids in Kunduz, Faryab and Ghor Provinces within the last 24 hours. They battled the militants, killing 29 Taliban insurgent members, wounding 12 and capturing 13 other militants,” the ministry said in a state-

ment.

The security forces also seized weapons besides defusing four roadside bombs, the statement added.

The war-torn country is due to take over the responsibility for its own security from foreign troops by the end of the year.

More than 52,000 NATO-led foreign troops, down from the peak of 130,000 in 2010, are currently being deployed in Afghanistan.

Xinhua

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2	Chelsea	33	22	6	5	72
3	Manchester City	31	22	4	5	70
4	Arsenal	33	19	7	7	64
5	Everton	32	18	9	5	63
6	Manchester Utd	33	17	6	10	57
7	Tottenham	32	17	5	10	56
8	Southampton	33	13	9	11	48
9	Newcastle	33	14	4	15	46
10	Stoke City	33	10	10	13	40
11	West Ham	33	10	7	16	37
12	Hull City	33	10	6	17	36
13	Aston Villa	32	9	7	16	34
14	Crystal Palace	32	10	4	18	34
15	Swansea	33	8	9	16	33
16	West Brom	32	6	14	12	32
17	Norwich	33	8	8	17	32
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19	Cardiff City	33	6	8	19	26
20	Sunderland	30	6	7	17	25

Teen Thompson wins maiden LPGA major at Kraft Nabisco

NEW YORK, 7 April—Teenager Lexi Thompson became the second youngest winner of an LPGA major when she emphatically outplayed Michelle Wie at the \$2 million Kraft Nabisco Championship to triumph by three strokes on Sunday.

Thompson, who turned 19 in February, and Wie were both child prodigies at different times and many fans of women's golf were hoping for a compelling heavyweight final round duel at Mission Hills in Rancho Mirage, California.

The two Americans started the day tied for the lead but it turned out to be a mismatch as Thompson, five years younger than Wie, displayed more aggression, greater composure and a better touch on the greens.

She sank a series of 10-foot putts to deliver a proverbial knockout by taking a five-shot lead at the turn, an advantage which she never looked remotely in danger of blowing as she cruised to her first major



Lexi Thompson poses with the Dinah Shore Trophy after winning in the final round of the Kraft Nabisco Championship golf tournament at Mission Hills Country Club.—REUTERS

title.

"I've worked my whole life to win a major and this was my main goal coming into this year, so I'm excited and so grateful," Thompson told Golf Channel after carding 68 to finish at 14-under-par 274.

"I drove it pretty well this week but I did make a few good putts so overall a pretty solid week."

Only Morgan Pressel, who won the 2007 Kraft Nabisco Championship at the age of 18, has won a women's major at a young-

er age.

Wie had a golden chance to seize her first major title and justify the media hype that has followed her for more than a decade.

She played conservatively off the tee for the most part, however, and was unimpressive on the greens with her unusual stooped putting style.

Not for the first time, she missed several short putts, including a two-footer at the eighth hole, and her timidity ultimately cost her any chance of winning.

Trailing by four strokes at the 13th hole, she inexplicably left a five-foot birdie chance short, surrendering any faint chance of making it a contest.

"I think I got to a point I tried too hard to make birdies and I was forcing everything," Wie said after shooting 71 to finish on 11-under.

"If I'd just let it happen, I think I would have rolled a couple more putts in. I wanted to make those putts so badly. At the same time, Lexi played amazing today."—Reuters



Ding Junhui (R) of China and Neil Robertson of Australia are seen during the awarding ceremony after the final at the China Open snooker tournament in Beijing, China, on 6 April, 2014. Ding claimed the title by winning 10-5.—XINHUA



Tang Yuanting (R) and Yu Yang of China compete during the women's doubles final against Jung Kyung Eun/Kim Ha Na of South Korea at the 2014 Badminton India open in New Delhi, capital of India, on 6 April, 2014. Tang Yuanting/Yu Yang won 2-1 to claim the title of the event.—XINHUA

Federer steers Swiss to Davis Cup semis, Italy edge Britain

NAPLES, 7 April—Roger Federer sealed Switzerland's place in the Davis Cup semi-finals when he completed a comeback win for the hosts over Kazakhstan on Sunday but Britain's last-four hopes were trampled into Italian clay in Naples. France are also in the last four despite looking dead and buried on Friday when they lost the opening two singles matches against a weakened Germany lineup.

Wins for Jo Wilfried-Tsonga and Gael Monfils earned France a 3-2

victory in Nancy to set up a semi-final against holders Czech Republic who breezed past Japan in Tokyo 5-0.

When you need a player to win a decisive fifth rubber in a gripping Davis Cup tie, having one with 17 grand slam titles to his name would be a dream scenario for any team captain.

So it proved for Switzerland's Severin Luthi in Geneva's Palexpo on Sunday as Federer strolled out to face world No 64 Andrey Golubev after Australian Open champion Stanislas



Switzerland's Roger Federer reacts after winning his Davis Cup quarter-final tennis match against Andrey Golubev of Kazakhstan in Geneva on 6 April, 2014.

REUTERS

Wawrinka had hauled the Swiss level at 2-2 with a 6-7(4), 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 win over Mikhail Kukushkin.

Not that world No.4 Federer had it all his own way initially against Golubev who hit back from a break down to take the opening set to a tiebreak.

Federer then showed his class, winning the breaker 7-0 before taking the next two sets 6-2, 6-3 and keep Switzerland on course for a first-ever Davis Cup title having fallen in the final to the United States in 1992.

Reuters

British jockey Royston Ffrench wins Chengdu Dubai Int'l Cup



Horses and jockeys at the 2,200 metre Chengdu Dubai Intl Cup race, the final and richest race of the Chengdu Dubai Intl Cup Wenjiang-Meydan Classic, at the Jinma racecourse in Wenjiang district, Chengdu, Sichuan Province, on 6 April.

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Ronaldo magic to send Real past Dortmund into last four

Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo (C) runs with the ball between Borussia Dortmund's Erik Durm (L) and Mats Hummels during their Champions League quarter-final first leg match at Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on 2 April, 2014.—REUTERS



BERLIN, 7 April—Cristiano Ronaldo will be fit to terrorise Borussia Dortmund's defence on Tuesday despite a niggle in his knee, and build on Real Madrid's 3-0 first leg advantage to book a spot in the Champions League last four.

Real coach Carlo Ancelotti rested the Champions League top scorer for Saturday's 4-0 La Liga win at Real Sociedad that helped them keep pace with leaders Atletico Madrid and second-placed champions Barcelona.

The Portugal captain, who has a record-equalling 14 goals this season in Europe's elite club competition, has complained of discomfort in his left knee but Ancelotti said he should be available for the second leg in Germany after a few days' rest and treatment.

Ronaldo made his 100th Champions League appearance in the first leg at the Bernabeu and his goal matched Lionel Messi's single-season record set in 2011/12.

Ronaldo's overall tally in the Champions League

is 64 goals, three behind Barcelona's Messi, and he has 54 in his last 44 outings for Real and Portugal, including five hat-tricks.

Real have a slight doubt over the fitness of record signing Gareth Bale after he sustained a small gash to his right knee in Saturday's win in San Sebastian.

The Wales winger, who scored with a brilliant long-range strike to make it 2-0, needed a couple of stitches in the wound, local media reported.

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